

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 987
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2015; March 10, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, and
 1-4 Rural Affairs; March 30, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 30, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
1-9	X			
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1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Section 822.102(a), Health and Safety Code, is
 1-20 amended to read as follows:
 1-21 (a) This subchapter does not apply to:
 1-22 (1) a county, municipality, or agency of the state or
 1-23 an agency of the United States or an agent or official of a county,
 1-24 municipality, or agency acting in an official capacity;
 1-25 (2) a research facility, as that term is defined by
 1-26 Section 2(e), Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. Section 2132), and its
 1-27 subsequent amendments, that is licensed by the secretary of
 1-28 agriculture of the United States under that Act;
 1-29 (3) an organization that is an accredited member of
 1-30 the ~~[American Zoo and Aquarium]~~ Association of Zoos and Aquariums;
 1-31 (4) an injured, infirm, orphaned, or abandoned
 1-32 dangerous wild animal while being transported for care or
 1-33 treatment;
 1-34 (5) an injured, infirm, orphaned, or abandoned
 1-35 dangerous wild animal while being rehabilitated, treated, or cared
 1-36 for by a licensed veterinarian, an incorporated humane society or
 1-37 animal shelter, or a person who holds a rehabilitation permit
 1-38 issued under Subchapter C, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code;
 1-39 (6) a dangerous wild animal owned by and in the custody
 1-40 and control of a transient circus company that is not based in this
 1-41 state if:
 1-42 (A) the animal is used as an integral part of the
 1-43 circus performances; and
 1-44 (B) the animal is kept within this state only
 1-45 during the time the circus is performing in this state or for a
 1-46 period not to exceed 30 days while the circus is performing outside
 1-47 the United States;
 1-48 (7) a dangerous wild animal while in the temporary
 1-49 custody or control of a television or motion picture production
 1-50 company during the filming of a television or motion picture
 1-51 production in this state;
 1-52 (8) a dangerous wild animal owned by and in the
 1-53 possession, custody, or control of a college or university solely
 1-54 as a mascot for the college or university;
 1-55 (9) a dangerous wild animal while being transported in
 1-56 interstate commerce through the state in compliance with the Animal
 1-57 Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. Section 2131 et seq.) and its subsequent
 1-58 amendments and the regulations adopted under that Act;
 1-59 (10) a nonhuman primate owned by and in the control and
 1-60 custody of a person whose only business is supplying nonhuman
 1-61 primates directly and exclusively to biomedical research

2-1 facilities and who holds a Class "A" or Class "B" dealer's license
2-2 issued by the secretary of agriculture of the United States under
2-3 the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. Section 2131 et seq.) and its
2-4 subsequent amendments;

2-5 (11) a dangerous wild animal that is:
2-6 (A) owned by or in the possession, control, or
2-7 custody of a person who is a participant in a species survival plan
2-8 of the [~~American Zoo and Aquarium~~] Association of Zoos and
2-9 Aquariums for that species; and

2-10 (B) an integral part of that species survival
2-11 plan; [~~and~~]

2-12 (12) in a county west of the Pecos River that has a
2-13 population of less than 25,000, a cougar, bobcat, or coyote in the
2-14 possession, custody, or control of a person that has trapped the
2-15 cougar, bobcat, or coyote as part of a predator or depredation
2-16 control activity; and

2-17 (13) an organization that is an accredited member of
2-18 the Zoological Association of America.

2-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-23 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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